



Talbot County, Maryland



Easton, Maryland

MINUTES

June 27, 2006

Present – President Hilary B. Spence, Vice President Peter A. Carroll, Thomas G. Duncan, Philip Carey Foster, Hope R. Harrington, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis, Assistant County Manager James Urbanczyk and County Attorney Michael L. Pullen.

- I. Minutes – Minutes of June 13, 2006 were approved upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Duncan, with the Council voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence - Aye
Mr. Foster - Aye
Mr. Duncan - Aye
Ms. Harrington - Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

- II. Disbursements – Disbursements of June 20, 2006 and June 27, 2006 were approved upon motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Duncan, with the Council voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence - Aye
Mr. Foster - Aye
Mr. Duncan - Aye
Ms. Harrington - Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

- III. Presentation of Mark Herrmann Scholarship Award to 2006 Easton High School Graduate Abram Stiffler – John Atwood, Chairman, Talbot County Golf Board; Mark Herrmann, Manager, Hog Neck Golf Course – Mr. Atwood gave a brief explanation of the naming of the scholarship and Mr. Herrmann presented the 1st Annual Mark Herrmann Scholarship Award to Mr. Abram Stiffler, a 2006 graduate of Easton High School for his outstanding achievements in academics and sports, particularly the game of golf. The Scholarship Award has been established in Mark Herrmann's name as a tribute to his 30-year career as the Manager of Hog Neck Golf Course.
- IV. Presentation of Bill Corkran Scholarship Award to 2006 St. Michaels High School Graduate Josh Stinton – John Atwood, Chairman, Talbot County Golf Board; Mark Herrmann, Manager, Hog Neck Golf Course – Mr. Herrmann presented the 1st Annual Bill Corkran Scholarship Award to Mr. Josh Stinton, a 2006 graduate of St. Michaels High School for his outstanding achievements in academics and sports, particularly the game of golf. The Scholarship Award has been established in William "Bill" Corkran's name as a tribute to Mr. Corkran's contributions to the establishment of Hog Neck Golf Course.
- V. Community Recognition by Department of Parks & Recreation – Rick Towle, Director, Talbot County Parks & Recreation; Sharon Ellis, Recreation and Leisure Services Planner, Talbot County Parks & Recreation - Mr. Towle and Ms. Ellis recognized the many volunteers who assist with the Department of Parks and Recreation's programs including: Talbot County Public Schools, Talbot County Arts Council, Talbot County Health Department; Talbot County Free Library, Character Counts, Talbot County Humane Society, Talbot County Teen Board, Breeders Best, Channel 15 Public Cable, Talbot County Leadership Program, Talbot County Youth Basketball, Chesapeake Curling Club, Eastern Shore Hockey Association, Talbot Youth Soccer, the Jaime Webb Youth Ice Hockey League, Adult Ice Hockey League, and the members of the Talbot County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

VI. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 134, TALBOT COUNTY CODE, THE “TALBOT COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES ORDINANCE,” TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL, AND EQUITABLE REMEDIES AND FINES FOR VIOLATION, TO AUTHORIZE ADOPTION BY RESOLUTION OF A DESIGN MANUAL, TO PROVIDE FOR ROAD STANDARDS, TITLE, INVENTORIES, AND LOCATION SURVEYS, TO PROVIDE FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL, TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION AND PAYMENT OF FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITS AND STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF PERMITS, TO PROVIDE FOR USE AND ACCESS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE, PERMANENT RESTRICTIONS, OR PROHIBITION ON USE, TO PROVIDE FOR PRESERVATION OF ROADWAYS AND PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED ROADWAYS, TO PROVIDE FOR CONTROL OF BRIDGE WEIGHTS, TO PROVIDE LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO COUNTY ROADWAYS, TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO IMPOSE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON TRUCK TRAFFIC UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER COUNTY SERVICES, TO PROVIDE A RIGHT OF ENTRY ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR ROAD NAMING AND DRAINAGE, TO PROVIDE FOR PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM OF ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR EVALUATION AND MITIGATION OF IMPACTS FROM DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR TRAFFIC STUDIES AND MITIGATION OF IMPACTS BY DEVELOPERS, TO PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR COUNTY ENGINEER TO WAIVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES was introduced by Mr. Carroll, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Foster, Ms. Harrington, and Ms. Spence as Bill No. 1002. Upon motion by Mr. Foster and unanimous consent of the Council, a full reading of the Bill was waived. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VII. Presentation of Findings of Fact on Resolution No. 131, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWER PLAN, AS ADOPTED BY TALBOT COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 100, TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AREA OF THE EASTON WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS TO CERTAIN AREAS THAT INCLUDE TAX MAP 26, PARCEL 186, AS W-1 AND S-1, IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND; PURSUANT TO THE POWER AND AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 5, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (HUNTER’S MILL SUBDIVISION, EASTON, MARYLAND), as amended, was offered by Patrick Thompson, Esquire, legal counsel to Talbot County on this matter. Upon motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Harrington, the County Council approved the Findings of Fact on Resolution No. 131, as amended, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

VIII. Eligible for Vote:

Resolution No. 131, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWER PLAN, AS ADOPTED BY TALBOT COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 100, TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AREA OF THE EASTON WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS TO CERTAIN AREAS THAT INCLUDE TAX MAP 26, PARCEL 186, AS W-1 AND S-1, IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND; PURSUANT TO THE POWER AND AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 5, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (HUNTER’S MILL SUBDIVISION, EASTON, MARYLAND), as amended, was brought forward for vote. Council approved Resolution No. 131, as amended, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

Bill No. 1001, A COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE TALBOT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTRYSIDE PRESERVATION ZONING DISTRICT AND THE WESTERN RURAL CONSERVATION ZONING DISTRICT, TO ESTABLISH THE USES PERMITTED THEREIN, TO ADOPT THE OFFICIAL COUNTY-WIDE ZONING MAP, AND TO IMPLEMENT OTHER AMENDMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ENACTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2005 was brought forward for third reader. Ms. Harrington introduced an amendment to Bill No. 1001, as recommended by the Talbot County Planning Commission to be known as Amendment B. The purpose of Amendment B is to provide for the creation of intra-family lots to mitigate the loss of the “three up-front lots” as proposed in Bill No. 1001. Amendment B is stated as follows:

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§190-14. Terms Defined

Working Farmer – Any owner of a property engaged in a bona-fide agricultural activity for which the owner pays social security tax on the income received from that farm.

190-56.1D(2)

- (d) Any working farmer in the WRC District may create intra-family lot(s) on qualifying parcels as follows:

Parcels at least 4 acres and less than 40 acres: One (1) intra-family lot

Parcels at least 40 acres and less than 100 acres: Two (2) intra-family lots

Parcels 100 or more acres: Three (3) intra-family lots

Said owner may create these lot(s) subject to the following regulations:

- (i) The working farmer desiring to create the intra-family lot(s) must be the owner of record as of (date of adoption);

- (ii) Any intra-family lot shall be created pursuant to the requirements found in §190-58G(2) and §190-58G(3).
- (iii) Development rights resulting from this provision shall not be transferred to another property.

Mr. Foster then introduced an amendment to Bill No. 1001. The amendment, known as Amendment A, would eliminate phasing out the three “up-front” lots. Current density for land in the proposed WRC District is 1 dwelling unit per 20 acres plus 3 additional dwelling units. Bill No. 1001, as introduced, phases out the three “up front” lots.

Council requested that County Attorney, Michael Pullen, define “substantive” and to offer his opinion as to whether either of the amendments was substantive. Mr. Pullen stated that, in his opinion, neither of the proposed amendments was substantive as both were within the scope of the subject, had been discussed publicly, and had been presented to the Planning Commission.

On the question of whether Amendment A was substantive, the Council voted that it was non-substantive by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Nay
Mr. Foster – Nay
Mr. Duncan – Nay
Ms. Harrington – Nay
Mr. Carroll – Aye

On the question of whether Amendment B was substantive, the Council voted that it was non-substantive by voting 3 – 2 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Nay
Mr. Foster – Nay
Mr. Duncan – Nay
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

Several Council members then requested that an additional public hearing be scheduled on Bill No. 1001, including Amendments A and B to Bill No. 1001. Following Council discussion, the Council voted to hold another public hearing on Bill No. 1001, including Amendments A and B, by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Mr. Foster – Nay
Mr. Carroll – Aye
Ms. Spence – Aye

A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

Proposed FY 2008 Waterway Improvement Grants - Jesse Fearins, Assistant County Engineer – Mr. Fearins reiterated for Council the three (3) potential projects for Maryland Department of Natural Resources FY 2008 Waterway Improvement Program Grant funding: (1) \$75,000 in full grant funding for a boat ramp, shoreline and pier improvements at Windy Hill Landing; (2) \$25,000 in full grant funding for

General Public Landings Bulkhead Repair; and (3) \$20,000 in full grant funding for the purchase and installation of stainless steel ladders as part of the Landings Ladder Program. At Council's request, the vote had been deferred from Tuesday, June 13, 2006 until Tuesday, June 27, 2006 in order to allow review by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. County Manager Andrew Hollis stated that the proposed projects had been presented to, and recommended for approval by, the members present at the June 15, 2006 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Harrington, the Council approved the three(3) projects as previously presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

IX. County Manager's Report:

- A. Chesapeake College FY06 Budget Transfer Request - Requested Council approval of Chesapeake College's request for FY06 Budget Transfers in the sum of \$185,654 to offset differences between projected and actual salaries and benefits due to turnover, and increased utility and insurance costs; specifically, \$138,010 and \$47,644 from the Instruction and Academic Support categories, respectively, to the following categories: Student Services (\$89,720), Institutional Support (\$14,474), and Plant Operation (\$81,460). Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Carroll, the Council approved the Budget Transfers by voting 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

Ms. Spence - Aye
Mr. Foster - Abstain
Mr. Duncan - Aye
Ms. Harrington - Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

Approval is needed by a majority of the Counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot.

Mr. Hollis briefed the Council on two requests of the Talbot County Board of Education. Discussion ensued and Council agreed to consider each of the requests separately.

- B. Talbot County Board of Education Budget Transfer Request - Requested Council approval of the Talbot County Board of Education's Request that the County transfer \$216,856 from Fixed Charges Employee Benefits and \$68,356 from Instructional Salary of the Board's Budget line items to the Special Education, Operation of Plant and Student Transportation categories; said transfers needed to cover projected expenditures for end of year FY2006 which are anticipated to exceed amounts previously budgeted for those categories. Prior to the motion for vote, Ms. Spence recused herself and passed the gavel to Vice President, Peter A. Carroll. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the transfers by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Carroll – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye

- C. Talbot County Board of Education Request For Use of Unanticipated Revenues – Requested Council approval of use of \$158,072 in unanticipated excess revenue from interest income and out-of-county tuition; monies to be used to fund critical maintenance projects and to replace aging technology not funded in the FY 2007 Budget. County Attorney Michael Pullen stated that, in his opinion, Maryland law requires that any unanticipated revenues be returned to the General Fund. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the return of the unanticipated revenues to the County's General Fund by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

- D. Bid 06-09, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, TALBOT COUNTY SOFT DRINK/BEVERAGE CONTRACT – Requested Council approval of the Parks & Recreation Director's recommendation to award Bid No. 06-09 to Coca-Cola; said contract for four (4) years with an option to renew the contract for an additional three (3) years. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Carroll, the Council approved the bid award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- E. Historic District Commission Fee Waiver Request – Requested Council approval of the Historic District Commission's request to waive the Historic District Overlay Zone map fee of \$500 for those properties applying to be located within the Historic District Overlay Zone. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Carroll, the Council approved the waiver by voting 3 – 2 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Nay
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll - Nay

- F. Bid No. 05-06, TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS – Requested Council approval of the following Change Orders to Bid No. 05-06:

Change Order No. 21 in the amount of \$13,445.41 including: the upgrade of portable toilets and required holding tanks for restrooms in portable trailers; installation of a temporary fire alarm as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office; extra site work as required for installation of an underground disposal tank, including special permits for disposal; deletion of ice rink pipe enclosure; installation of grommets in countertops; and lighting color selection. Gateway Community Association will reimburse the County \$2,018.25.

Change Order No. 22 in the amount of \$11,527.62 including: reimbursement to contractor, Whiting-Turner, for testing and inspection services; canopy insulation as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office; and canopy color selection. Gateway Community Association will reimburse the County \$4,978.31.

The Council approved the Change Orders as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- G. Environmental Health Department Fee Schedule – Requested Council approval of the Environmental Health Department fee schedule for FY2007; said fees are for a state office and are not included in the Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the fee schedule as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- H. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Robert Snyder to a term on the Talbot County Tourism Board as a representative of the Town of St. Michaels to complete the unexpired term of Sherry Thomas; said term to expire July 1, 2008. Upon motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- I. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Kelley Cox to a four-year term on the Talbot County Tourism Board as a Bay Hundred representative; said term to expire July 1, 2010. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- J. Blue Ribbon Commission – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Robert Schmidt and Dr. Steven Harris to the Blue Ribbon Commission on substance abuse in

Talbot County as representatives of the educational sector. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the appointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- K. Talbot County Board of Appeals – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Margaret Young to a term on the Talbot County Board of Appeals as an alternate to complete the term of Malcolm Ringel; said term to expire February 11, 2008. Upon motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Harrington, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- L. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Dr. Stuart Bounds to the Talbot County Economic Development Commission as an Ex-Officio member. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Carroll, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- M. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Paul Makosky and Sandy Frey to three-year terms on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission as an at-large representative and a representative from the Town of Oxford, respectively; said terms to expire June 30, 2009. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- N. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Chip Councell to a three-year term on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission; said term to expire June 30, 2009. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

- O. Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Margaret Pickall and Kearby Parker to three-year terms on the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission; said terms to expire on July 1, 2009. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll - Aye

- P. Local Emergency Planning Committee – Requested Council approval to submit the names of Ed Henry, William “Bill” Wilson, and Amy Hontz to the Governor for consideration of appointment to three-year terms on the Local Emergency Planning Commission as representatives of the St. Michaels area, Emergency Medical Services and the Talbot County Health Department, respectively; said terms to expire August 1, 2009. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the submission by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- Q. Talbot County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Jay McLaughlin to a term on the Talbot County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as an at-large member to complete the term of Roger Clark; said term to expire on July 1, 2007. Upon motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- R. Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Mr. James Slattery to a three-year term on the Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors; said term to expire June 30, 2009. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- S. Talbot County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Sharon Dundon to a four-year term on the Talbot County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council as a representative of the mental health provider sector; said term to expire on July 1, 2010. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- T. Talbot County Weed Control Committee – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of William Beaven, Wade Dudrow, William Foster, and Robert Garrett to three-year terms on the Talbot County Weed Control Committee; said terms to expire July 1, 2009. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Harrington, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- U. Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Royce Sampson to a three-year term on the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board as a representative of the community-based organizations sector; said term to expire June 30, 2009. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

- V. Talbot County Village Center Board – Requested Council approval of the appointment of the following individuals to staggered terms on the Talbot County Village Center Board: Jerome Alanko (Bar Neck); Jacqueline Greene (Bellevue); Janet Hammed (Bozman); Barbara Reisert (Claiborne); Leslie “Les” Roslund (Copperville); Howard Callahan, Sr., (Cordova); Gary Crawford (Fairbank); Michael Linardi (Longwoods); Albert Kubeluis (McDaniel); Art Reeside (Neavitt); Frank Cavanaugh (Newcomb); Allan “Jay” Fox, IV (Royal Oak); Merton Jarboe (Sherwood); Jeffrey Rathell, Sr. (Skipton); Mary Ann Schmidt (Tilghman); Rachel Papkin (Tunis Mills); Harriette Lowery (Unionville); Charles Gale (Williamsburg); and H.M. Orrell, III (Wye Mills).

X. Council Comments:

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| Mr. Foster – | Mr. Foster stated that since new fees, as approved in the FY 2006-2007 Budget, will take effect on July 1 st , he urged everyone needing to renew their animal licenses to do so prior to that date to avoid a substantial fee increase. He continued that he, along with several other members of the Council, had attended a luncheon held in honor of individuals who had made significant local contributions in the field of mental health. He stated that he had attended a Board of Education meeting on behalf of the County Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to present a request to the Board for the renaming of the Easton Middle School field. |
| Mr. Duncan - | Mr. Duncan stated that he had recently been informed that the State will now be requiring disclosure of a voter registrant's complete Social Security number in order to register to vote when other identification cannot be produced. He expressed concern at the information in light of the fact that voter registration rolls are public records. He requested that the County Attorney contact State officials to ascertain the accuracy of the information. |
| Mr. Carroll - | No comments. |
| Ms. Harrington - | Ms. Harrington stated that she was glad to see that so far 19 of the 22 village centers in the County had submitted the name of at least one individual for Council consideration to the newly formed Village Center Board. She encouraged residents of the three remaining villages, Bruceville, Ivy Town, and Wittman to complete applications. |
| Ms. Spence | No comments. |

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

- XI. The transcript of the June 27, 2006 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.
- XII. Prior to the meeting on June 27, 2006, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 1:05 p.m. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Duncan - Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508a(1)(i)(7)(8) the purpose of the Executive Session was for a personnel matter to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees, and for legal matters to discuss an update on a lawsuit involving the County, and for legal advice regarding proposed annexation. The Executive Session ended at 1:30 p.m.

- XIII. Work Session on Report and Recommendations on How to Achieve Greater Reductions in Youth Alcohol and Drug Use – Jane Callahan, Consultant, Director – CADCA’s National Coalition Institute; Kathy Foster, R.N., M.S., Talbot County Health Officer; Janet Pfeffer, Program Director, Talbot Partnership for Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Prevention – Ms. Callahan stated that the Blue Ribbon Commission, recently appointed by the County Council to study drug abuse among youth in Talbot County, represented a good cross section of the community. She continued that the Commission should seek to involve many members of the community, particularly those she described, in her opinion, as “movers and shakers” of the community. The first meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission is scheduled on Thursday, July 13, 2006. At that time, members will be briefed on matters relating to the task of the Commission and the timetable for the completion of its work. Ms. Callahan concluded that the Commission must first agree to define the problem and then make recommendations to change the systems which deal with the issue of substance abuse including, law, justice, schools, and healthcare.
- XIV. Quarterly Airport Board Meeting – Mike Henry, Airport Manager; Charles Daffin, William Shenk, Harvey Stewart, Rudolph W. Strickland, John W. Pettit, Airport Board Members – Mr. Henry briefed the Council that the following projects were underway or had been completed: (1) AIP 25 - Airport Layout Plan Update: the Project has been submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review; said review is anticipated to be completed by July. A Public Informational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Easton High School Cafeteria, 723 Mecklenburg Avenue, Easton, Maryland 21601; (2) AIP 27 – the Southwest Apron: work for the project is ahead of schedule; (3) RWY 15-33: the FAA is reviewing the scope of the Environmental Study anticipated to begin in July; (4) RWY 4-22-33 – Obstruction Removal: an FAA Study has identified several trees near Glebe Road which are in restricted airspace; airport consultant, URS, has submitted suggested mitigation procedures to the FAA and is awaiting comment; (5) RWY 4-22: the design phase has been approved and is scheduled to begin in July 2006, pending receipt of an FAA grant; (6) Air Traffic Control Tower: Mr. Henry stated that the site study, including an environmental assessment, has been submitted to the FAA for comment; groundbreaking is anticipated for October 2006. The tower will cost approximately \$2.4 million, \$1.2 million of which will be borne by Maryland Aviation Administration and \$1.2 million by the airport through tenant donations and airport reserve funds. To date, \$300,000 has been collected; the FAA will pay employee staffing and benefits; maintenance and operations at an approximate cost of \$70,000 per year are the airport’s responsibility; (7) New Hangars: American Flight Group has options on two (2) 12,000 square foot hangars; Petroleum Helicopters International’s (PHI) new hangar, constructed by local investors, has been operational since April 1, 2006; GVA Advantis Proposal: GVA Advantis is proposing to build several corporate hangars on the Southwest Apron, the first of which will be approximately 20,000 square feet and capable of housing a number of corporate aircraft; (8) Fuel Sales – Fuel sales are on track to set a record for FY06 ending June 30, 2006 with \$749,269 in sales through May 2006; (9) Maryland Regional Aviation Conference: The Maryland Regional Aviation Conference was held on June 20 – 22, 2006 at the Tidewater Inn in Easton. The Easton Airport has been asked to host the Regional Conference again in 2007; (10) Maryland Aviation Administration Economic Impact: Mr. Henry stated that, according to Maryland Aviation Administration statistics, the Easton Airport, directly and indirectly, contributes \$52 million and 362 jobs to the Talbot County economy, an increase of 13% in revenue and seven (7) jobs, respectively, since 2003; (11) Chesapeake College/UMES Partnership: Mr. Henry stated that the Easton Airport is conducting discussions with Chesapeake College and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) regarding a mentoring/internship partnership with the airport for students pursuing an Aviation Management Degree. The total cost of FY 06 projects is \$4,257,776.00, of which 2.5%, or \$102,695.00, is the County’s share.
- XV. Prior to the Work Sessions, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 11:35 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Upon motion by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Carroll, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Spence – Aye
Mr. Foster – Absent
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Ms. Harrington – Aye
Mr. Carroll – Aye

Mr. Foster arrived at 12:00 p.m.

In accordance with State Article § 10-508a(3)7) the purpose of the Executive Session was for a meeting with Rick Ellrod, Esquire, Miller & Van Eaton, to discuss Cable Franchise Agreement negotiations, and for a real estate matter to discuss an easement request for Neavitt Park. The Executive Session ended at 1:25 p.m.

- XVI. Work Session: Discussion of Agricultural Land Preservation Programs – Ray Graham, Chairman, Fauquier County, Virginia Board of Supervisors; Ray Pickering, Director, Fauquier County, Virginia Agriculture Development Office – A Work Session on discussion of agricultural land preservation programs was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland. Mr. Graham briefed the Council on the 30-year history of Fauquier County, Virginia's land preservation programs and the various funding sources for those programs; specifically, the different combination of funding sources used to most mutually benefit the landowner from a financial perspective, and Fauquier County from a land preservation perspective. At Council's request, Mr. Graham and Mr. Pickering will forward specific funding criteria to the Council for their review.
- XVII. Work Session: Briefing on Queen Anne's County Chesapeake College Area Community Plan – Trevor Newcomb, Talbot County Development Review Planner; Paige Bethke, Director, Talbot County Economic Development – A Work Session for a briefing on Queen Anne's County Chesapeake College Area Community Plan was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland. Mr. Newcomb briefed the Council on Queen Anne's County's proposed plans to develop the area adjacent to Chesapeake College. The Plan, referred to as the *Chesapeake College Area Community Plan*, would feature commercial, light industrial, office, retail, and residential development on the site. Council discussion ensued and members expressed concern over the possible relocation of the Memorial Hospital at Easton at or near the site of the proposed development as well as for increased environmental and traffic impacts, should the Plan be approved. Mr. Newcomb informed the Council that a Public Forum on the matter would be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2006 at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center on the campus of Chesapeake College, followed by a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning & Zoning in Centreville. Council requested that a letter be drafted on their behalf reflecting those concerns and that the letter be presented to Queen Anne's County officials at the Public Hearing on August 2nd by Mr. Newcomb.
- XVIII. Work Session: Transportation Study Analyses and Prioritization – Matt Allen, Consultant, Wallace, Montgomery & Associates; Mike Mertaugh, Roads Engineer – A Work Session on the Talbot County Transportation Study Analyses and Prioritization Listing was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland. Mr. Allen briefed the Council on the priority listing of candidate road improvement sites as prepared by Wallace, Montgomery & Associates in response to Council's request for same. The Priority Listing, prepared as part of the Talbot County Transportation Planning Study, includes suggested recommendations for each item on the List as well as the anticipated cost of the improvement. Council agreed to further discuss Item # 3, Signalization of MD 331 at Black Dog Alley, and Item # 4, Intersection improvements of MD 328 at Black Dog Alley, at the Tuesday, July 11, 2006 Council meeting, prior to contacting State officials.

- XIX. Work Session: Talbot County Road Access Policy – Mike Pullen, County Attorney, Ray Clarke, County Engineer; Mike Mertaugh, Roads Engineer – A Work Session on the draft Talbot County Road Access Policy Ordinance was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland. County Attorney, Mike Pullen briefed the Council on the proposed road access policy ordinance which will clarify the existing ordinance and institute more user-friendly language. He also reviewed with Council, changes he had been requested to include in the draft ordinance at the Tuesday, June 6, 2006 Work Session. The draft ordinance had been previously reviewed by Public Works Department staff and the Public Works Advisory Board.

CASH STATEMENT 6/20/2006

BALANCE 6/13/2006	<u>\$4,339,736.88</u>
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SANITARY DISTRICT NOTES 6/2006	(4,993.84)
BANK RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT 5/2006	300.50
TRANS TO AIP27	(4,483.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION FIRST HALF 6/2006	(1,162,403.00)

PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 6/16/2006	(99,973.84)
SECURED	(12,084.04)
DEFERRED COMP DED	(7,703.96)
MD WH	(23,775.29)
PENSION DED	(7,468.31)
ACH TRANSFER	(10,238.50)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(1,133.03)

DEPOSITS	247,855.93
CHECKS	(567,260.90)

BALANCE 6/20/2006	<u>\$2,686,377.60</u>
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AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

FAA20	-
AIP 23	-
AIP 24	15,043.95
AIP 25	2,336.04
AIP 26	-
AIP 27	-
BALANCE 6/13/2006	2,547.11
TRANS FR GEN ACCT	4,483.00
CHECKS	(4,483.00)
	2,547.11

A422-RUNWAY	-
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AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE	<u>\$19,927.10</u>
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INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
06/30/2005	06/30/06	4.14%	3,000,000.00
07/26/2005	07/28/06	4.11%	1,000,000.00
07/29/2005	07/28/06	4.16%	5,000,000.00
08/30/2005	08/30/06	4.16%	3,000,000.00

10/28/2005	09/29/06	4.52%	3,000,000.00
10/28/2005	10/27/06	4.55%	3,000,000.00
12/29/2005	12/29/06	4.93%	3,000,000.00
01/25/2006	01/30/07	4.95%	4,000,000.00
02/07/2006	11/28/06	5.30%	3,000,000.00
02/22/2006	02/22/07	4.96%	2,000,000.00
03/28/2006	03/27/07	5.21%	3,000,000.00
04/17/2006	04/17/07	5.46%	3,000,000.00
05/31/2006	05/29/07	5.76%	3,000,000.00
MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL			1,500,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$40,500,000.00</u>

PETTY CASH BALANCE **\$3,750.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$43,210,054.70**

CASH STATEMENT 6/27/2006

BALANCE 6/20/2006 **\$2,686,377.60**

BANK RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT 5/2006 CORRCTN (600.00)
HIGHWAY USER REVENUE 5/2006 259,579.13

DEPOSITS 1,300,196.22
CHECKS (449,316.26)

BALANCE 6/27/2006 **\$3,796,236.69**

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

FAA20 -
AIP 23 -
AIP 24 15,043.95
AIP 25 2,336.04
AIP 26 -
AIP 27 2,547.11
AIP422-RUNWAY -

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **\$19,927.10**

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10/28/2005	10/27/06	4.55%	3,000,000.00
12/29/2005	12/29/06	4.93%	3,000,000.00
01/25/2006	01/30/07	4.95%	4,000,000.00
02/07/2006	11/28/06	5.30%	3,000,000.00

02/22/2006	02/22/07	4.96%	2,000,000.00
03/28/2006	03/27/07	5.21%	3,000,000.00
04/17/2006	04/17/07	5.46%	3,000,000.00
05/31/2006	05/29/07	5.76%	3,000,000.00
MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		4.98%	1,500,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$40,500,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>\$3,750.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS			<u>\$44,319,913.79</u>